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SUBJECT: PRC OFFICIAL'S COMMENTS ON DOMESTIC POLITICS

1. A YUGOSLAV COLLEAGUE TELLS US THAT IN A CONVERSATION FEBRUARY 22 WITH A MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL HE ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF TENG HSIAO-PING'S REHABILITATION. MFA OFFICIAL (NOT NAMED) SAID THAT THE MATTER WAS STILL UNDER DISCUSSION, AND THAT "SOME PEOPLE ARE OPPOSED" TO TENG'S RETURN.

2. THE YUGOSLAV ALSO ASKED ABOUT "THE PROBLEM OF THE RADICALS"--PERSONS WHO IN THE PAST HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH POLICIES OF THE LEADERS NOW CALLED THE "GANG OF FOUR". THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT IN SOME LOCALITIES SUCH PEOPLE WERE "STRONG" AND "UNIFIED."

3. THE YUGOSLAV DID NOT SEEK, AND THE MFA OFFICIAL DID NOT VOLUNTEER, FURTHER COMMENT ON EITHER QUESTION. CITING RECENT NATIONAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCES, THE
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MFA OFFICIAL STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT THE LEADERSHIP IS GIVING PRIORITY AT PRESENT TO ECONOMIC CONCERNS AND PARTICULARLY TO RAISING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

4. COMMENT: THE MFA OFFICIAL WAS PERHAPS IMPLYING THAT THE ABOVE POLITICAL PROBLEMS, WHILE DIFFICULT,

WERE NOT CONSIDERED ESPECIALLY URGENT. HOWEVER, THE
EFFECT OF HIS SURPRISINGLY FORTHRIGHT COMMENT ON
THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS WAS TO UNDERLINE JUST HOW
DIFFICULT THE LEADERSHIP IS FINDING THEM.
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